

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are amended.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 4 and 7-15 are allowed. However, for reasons as discussed below, it is believed that all the claims are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Malik (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,701). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Malik does not disclose or suggest the specific access space specifies a hypertext space that is in conformance with a purpose of users and wherein a link relation different from an original hypertext space is formed, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 2, 5 and 6.

Malik pertains to a method of implementing a computer system where a user may invoke a hyperlink or site link listing mode to retrieve only the hyperlinks available on selected target pages rather than retrieving their entire text and graphics of the target pages (see Abstract of Malik). Specifically, Malik pertains to a single user. As such, Malik does not disclose or suggest a hypertext space that is in conformance with a purpose of users. Further, Malik does not disclose or suggest a link relation different from an original hypertext space is formed. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 define patentable subject matter.

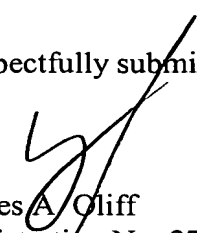
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are earnestly solicited. The Office Action has indicated that claims 3, 4 and 7-15 are allowed.

If the Examiner believes that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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